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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REFERENCED INSTRUCTIONS JUST AS I AM ABOUT
TO TAKE OFF ON FIVE-DAY TRIP (GUATEMALA 4622), RETURNING AUGUST
23. IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY OF BELIZE ISSUE AND MY OWN ASSOCIATION WIT
WITH
IT OVER PAST MONTHS, I WOULD PREFER TO RAISE THIS PERSONALLY
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND AM THEREFORE ASKING FOR APPOINTMENT
TO SEE HIM AUGUST 24. IF DEPARTMENT PREFERS TO AVOID THIS
DELAY, PLEASE INSTRUCT AND CHARGE SHULER WILL SEEK IMMEDIATE
APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. AT THE SAME TIME I WISH TO POINT OUT WHAT SEEMS TO ME A
DEPARTURE IN THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BASIS ON WHICH WE
WERE CONSULTED. AS DEPARTMENT NOTED IN ITS 182210 AND 200466,
THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO APPROVE THESE CHANGES IN PROCEDURES
AFFECTING BELIZE IF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO
OBJECTIONS. OUR INSTRUCTIONS, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT WE ARE
PREPARED, EVEN IN THE FACE OF GUATEMALAN OBJECTIONS, TO LET
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THE BRITISH DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES
OF THE NEW FACILITIES. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CHANGE AND CARRIES
WITH IT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER IRRITATION IN OUR RELATIONS
WITH GUATEMALA IF WE OVERRIDE ANY OBJECTIOS THEY MAY HAVE,
NO MATTER HOW STRONG. THIS ALL MAY BE ACADEMIC AS GOG
MAY ACCEPT NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, BUT WE HOPE
DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION

WITHOUT PREJUDICE IF STRONG RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE.

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